

## **INTERVIEW SUMMARY** Task 0001 Site 2 Lower Darby Creek Area Site

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Name:

William R. Frame (WITNESS)



Affiliation:

Former Police Officer, Darby Township Police Department.

Telephone:

Type of Interview: Telephone

Date of Interview:

December 14, 2004

On December 14, 2004, the WITNESS was interviewed by telephone by Michael McCloskey. Senior Investigator, of Tri-State Enterprise. The WITNESS was interviewed as part of the Potentially Responsible Party search currently being conducted under Task 0001, Site 2 involving the Lower Darby Creek Area Site (the "Site.") The WITNESS was advised of the nature of the questions to be asked and that the interview was voluntary. This interview focused on the Clearview Landfill. The WITNESS stated that he is not represented by an attorney in this matter and does not want an attorney. No other persons were present during

During the course of this interview, the WITNESS responded to questions based on guidelines provided by the United States Environmental Protection Agency for former employees/truck drivers.

No map was used during this interview.

this interview and the interview was not tape-recorded.

The WITNESS was asked to explain his associations with the Clearview Landfill.

The WITNESS stated that he was a police officer with the Darby Township Police Department from 1962 to 1982. The WITNESS stated that in 1982 he retired and moved to Florida.

The WITNESS stated that Ed Heller was a friend and Richie Heller is currently a friend. The WITNESS stated that he would help the interviewer identify former employees of the Hellers' that worked on the Clearview Landfill. The WITNESS stated that he has told Richie Heller in the past that he should cooperate with the investigation of the Clearview Landfill. The WITNESS stated that his own family still lives in the area and he is concerned for the health of his family members.

The WITNESS stated that as a police officer he responded to the Clearview Landfill on numerous occasions. The WITNESS stated most of the calls to the landfill were for reports of stolen motor vehicles. The WITNESS stated that many vehicles were stripped of parts and left on the landfill by the thieves.

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The WITNESS was asked if he was aware of a truck fire that involved a fatality on the landfill. The WITNESS stated that he had heard about a truck fire involving the death of the truck driver. The WITNESS stated that this fire occurred before he was employed as a police officer. The WITNESS stated that he was told about this incident by Chief Johnson who was the Police Chief in the 1950s and 1960s. The WITNESS stated that Chief Johnson is deceased.

When asked if he had observed any vehicles dispose of waste on the Clearview Landfill the WITNESS stated "yes". The WITNESS stated that he had observed numerous trucks dispose of waste on the landfill. The WITNESS stated that he can only recall the following company names:

- Suburban Waste Removal: The WITNESS stated that Suburban was owned and operated by Ed Heller and later by Richie Heller. The WITNESS stated that Suburban is now Citywide Services which is owned and operated by Richie Heller.
- City of Philadelphia Municipal Waste: The WITNESS stated that City of Philadelphia trash truck drivers disposed of waste at the Clearview Landfill. The WITNESS stated that he did not know what type of waste Philadelphia disposed on the landfill.

The WITNESS stated that many of the local municipal townships also disposed of waste on the landfill. He could not recall specific names.

When asked the names of individuals that may have knowledge of waste disposal practices on the Clearview Landfill, the WITNESS provided the following:

- Teddy Peurifoy: The WITNESS stated that Peurifoy lived in a trailer on the landfill for many years and is very knowledgeable of the names of companies that disposed of waste on the landfill.
- Clyde (last name unknown): The WITNESS stated that Clyde was an equipment operator on the Clearview Landfill. The WITNESS stated that Clyde still lives in the Darby, PA area. The WITNESS stated that Lee Taliaferro will probably know how to contact Clyde.
- Peanuts Freeman: The WITNESS stated that Freeman worked for Richie Heller for many years.

The WITNESS stated that while visiting his daughter in the fall of this year, he saw Freeman at a store. The WITNESS stated that he does not know where Freeman lives but suggested that the current Darby Township Police Chief Thompson, may be helpful in locating Freeman.

When asked if he had ever observed steel drums or bulk liquid waste on the Clearview Landfill, the WITNESS stated "yes."

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The WITNESS stated that in the 1960s he had observed a deep pit on the top of the landfill area. The WITNESS stated that he had responded to the landfill on at least two occasions because one of the bulldozers had rolled off the side of the pit and then into the pit. The WITNESS stated that at least one of these bulldozers was never recovered. The WITNESS stated that he does not recall if anyone was injured as a result of one of these incidents. The WITNESS stated that he observed numerous 55-gallon drums in this pit. He was unable to describe these drums any further.

"I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct."					
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